IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CUSTOMER NO. 22927

Applicants: WALKER et al. Application No.: 09/045,036 Filed: March 20, 1998

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING THE

PLAY OF FRACTIONAL LOTTERY TICKETS UTILIZING

POINT-OF-SALE TERMINALS

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Group Art Unit: 3622

Examiner: Carlson, Jeffrey D.

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS INQUIRY

To date, no communication has been received from the Examiner relating to examination of this application since November 15, 2005.

Please advise Applicants' undersigned representative of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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